# **CHAPTER 1016**

# HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMS AND REGULATION — MISCELLANEOUS CHANGES

H.F. 2644

AN ACT relating to department of human services' technical requirements involving individual development accounts, family investment program limited benefit plans, paternity establishment definitions, and the state child care assistance program, and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

## DIVISION I INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNTS

Section 1. Section 450.4, subsection 6, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:

- 6. On property in an individual development account in the name of the decedent that passes to another individual development account or the state human investment reserve pool created in section 541A.4. For purposes of this subsection, "individual development account" means an account that has been certified as an individual development account pursuant to chapter 541A.
  - Sec. 2. Section 541A.1, subsection 9, Code 2005, is amended by striking the subsection.
- Sec. 3. Section 541A.2, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code 2005, is amended by striking the paragraph.
  - Sec. 4. Section 541A.2, subsection 9, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:
- 9. In the event of an account holder's death, the account may be transferred to the ownership of a contingent beneficiary or to the individual development account of another account holder. An account holder shall name contingent beneficiaries or transferees at the time the account is established and a named beneficiary or transferee may be changed at the discretion of the account holder. If the named beneficiary or transferee is deceased or otherwise cannot accept the transfer, the moneys shall be transferred to the reserve pool.
- Sec. 5. Section 541A.3, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:

Payment by the state of a savings refund on amounts of up to two thousand dollars per calendar year that an account holder deposits in the account holder's account. Moneys transferred to an individual development account from another individual development account and a savings refund received by the account holder in accordance with section 541A.3¹ shall not be considered an account holder deposit for purposes of determining a savings refund. Payment of a savings refund either shall be made directly to the account holder's account holder or to an operating organization's central reserve account for later distribution to the account holder's account holder in the most appropriate manner as determined by the administrator. The state savings refund shall be the indicated percentage of the amount deposited:

- Sec. 6. Section 541A.3, subsection 5, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:
- 5. The administrator shall coordinate the filing of claims for savings refunds authorized under subsection 1, between account holders, operating organizations, and the department of administrative services. Claims approved by the administrator may be paid by the department of administrative services to each account <u>holder</u>, for an aggregate amount for distribution to the <u>holders of the</u> accounts in a particular financial institution, or to an operating organiza-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See chapter 1185, §123 herein

tion's central reserve account for later distribution to the account <u>holders' accounts holders</u> depending on the efficiency for issuing the refunds. Claims shall be initially filed with the administrator on or before a date established by the administrator. Claims approved by the administrator shall be paid from the general fund of the state in the manner specified in section 422.74.

- Sec. 7. Section 541A.4, Code 2005, is repealed.
- Sec. 8. RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY. This division of this Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment, is retroactively applicable to January 1, 2006, and is applicable on and after that date.

# DIVISION II FAMILY INVESTMENT PROGRAM — LIMITED BENEFIT PLAN

- Sec. 9. Section 239B.9, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:
- a. If a participant responsible for signing and fulfilling the terms of a family investment agreement, as defined by the director of human services in accordance with section 239B.8, chooses not to sign or fulfill the terms of the agreement, the participant's family, or the individual participant shall enter into a limited benefit plan. Initial actions in a written statement under section 239B.2, subsection 4, which were committed to by a participant during the application period and which commitment remains in effect, shall be considered to be a term of the participant's family investment agreement. A limited benefit plan shall apply for the period of time specified in this section. The first month of the limited benefit plan is the first month after the month in which timely and adequate notice of the limited benefit plan is given to the participant as defined by the director of human services. A participant who is exempt from the JOBS program but who volunteers for the program is not subject to imposition of a limited benefit plan. The elements of a limited benefit plan shall be specified in the department's rules.
- Sec. 10. Section 239B.9, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:
- a. PARENT. If the participant responsible for the family investment agreement is a parent, the limited benefit plan is applicable to the entire participant family. If the family reapplies for assistance after an ineligibility period, eligibility shall be established in the same manner as for any other new applicant.
- Sec. 11. Section 239B.9, subsection 2, paragraph c, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:
- c. MINOR PARENT LIVING WITH ADULT PARENT OR SPECIFIED RELATIVE. If the participant family includes a minor parent living with the minor parent's adult parent or specified relative who receives family investment program assistance and both individuals are responsible for developing a family investment agreement, each individual is responsible for a separate family investment agreement, and the limited benefit plan shall be applied as follows:
- (1) If the adult parent or specified relative chooses the limited benefit plan, the requirements of the limited benefit plan shall apply to the entire participant family, even though the minor parent has not chosen the limited benefit plan. However, the minor parent may reapply for assistance as a minor parent living with self-supporting parents or living independently and continue in the family investment agreement process.
- (2) If the minor parent chooses the limited benefit plan, the requirements of the limited benefit plan shall apply to the minor parent and any child of the minor parent.
- (3) If the specified relative chooses the limited benefit plan, the requirements of the limited benefit plan shall apply only to the specified relative.

# DIVISION III PATERNITY ESTABLISHMENT

Sec. 12. Section 252F.1, Code 2005, is amended by adding the following new subsection: <u>NEW SUBSECTION</u>. 1A. "Child" means a person who is less than age eighteen or a person who is age eighteen but less than age nineteen and is engaged full-time in completing high school graduation or equivalency requirements in a manner which is reasonably expected to result in completion of the requirements prior to the person reaching age nineteen.

## DIVISION IV STATE CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- Sec. 13. Section 237A.13, subsection 5, paragraphs c and d, Code 2005, are amended to read as follows:
- c. Families with an income of more than one hundred percent but not more than one hundred forty forty-five percent of the federal poverty level whose members are employed at least twenty-eight hours per week.
- d. Families with an income at or below one <u>two</u> hundred seventy-five percent of the federal poverty level whose members are employed at least twenty-eight hours per week with a special needs child as a member of the family.

Approved March 29, 2006

#### CHAPTER 1017

# PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS AND BID PROCEDURES

H.F. 2713

**AN ACT** changing the bid threshold requirement for certain public improvement contracts and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 38.1 CITATION.

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Iowa Construction Bidding Procedures Act".

## Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 38.2 DEFINITIONS.

As used in this chapter, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

- 1. "Estimated total cost of a public improvement" or "estimated total cost" means the estimated total cost to the governmental entity to construct a public improvement, including cost of labor, materials, equipment, and supplies, but excluding the cost of architectural or engineering design services and inspection.
- 2. "Governmental entity" means the state, political subdivisions of the state, public school corporations, and all officers, boards, or commissions empowered by law to enter into contracts for the construction of public improvements, excluding the state board of regents and the state department of transportation.
  - 3. "Public improvement" means a building or construction work which is constructed under